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SUBJ: "STAR SPEAKER":PROFESSOR WILLIAM C. THIESENHUSEN

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1. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WROTE TO PROFESSOR WILLIAM THIESENHUSEN INVITING HIM TO COME TO INDIA TO PARTICIPATE AS A "STAR" LECTURER. IN HIS LETTER, THE AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THIESENHUSEN'S VISIT MOST ANY TIME BUT THAT THE CHRISTMAS BREAK WAS GETTING A BIT CONGESTED. THIESENHUSEN HAS NOW RESPONDED STATING THAT HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFER AND THAT THE BEST TIMING FOR HIM WOULD BE AFTER CHRISTMAS UNTIL JANUARY 14.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE ALREADY VERY HEAVILY COMMITTED FOR THAT PERIOD -- EDWARD EPSTEIN, LEO GROSS, MARGARET BRIGHT, MARCUS CUNLIFFE, GAIL AND TOM PARKER, AND POSSIBLY CLAIRE STERLING--AND WE MUST DECLINE THIESENHUSEN'S VERY GENEROUS OFFER TO COME TO INDIA THEN. PERHAPS SOME OTHER POST CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS AVAILABILITY?

3. OUR INTEREST IN PROGRAMMING THIESENHUSEN REMAINS HIGH. WE REQUEST THAT ICS/S ADVISE HIM OF OUR SITUATION HERE AND SOUND HIM OUT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS VISITING INDIA LATER THIS FISCAL YEAR OR NEXT FALL. WE WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY
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